COMPLETE NOVEL EACH WEEK IN THE EVENING WORLD

A Sherlock Holmes of the Wilderness

S OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Case of Miss Virginia Planx. D Miss Virginny any jewelry on her?" asked Joe. "A watch and a neck-"What value?"

Boven or eight hundred dollars." High," said November reflectively. "And what did you do after finding

they got on to some rocky ground. It was too dark then to do more, so

leather case I had given him, and extracted from it a long hair of a beautiful red-gold color. "Look at woods north of the that! I found it in the spruces above there."

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beautiful red-gold color. "Look at that! I found it in the spruces above there."

Planz took it gently in his great fingers. He was visibly much moved. For a few seconds he held it without speaking, then, "That grew on Virginia's head sure enough, Joe. Is it possible my girl is alive?"

"She is, sure! Don't be afeared, you'll soon have news of her. I can promise you that, Mr. Planz. This wasn't no case of murder. It's just an abduction. They'd never be such fools as to kill her! They're cuter than that. Isn't she your daughter? They'll hold her to big ransom. That's their game."

An ugly look came into Planz's eyes, "That's their game, is it? I'm not a man that it is easy to milk dollars from," said he.

By this time it was growing too dark for Joe to work any longer. We crossed the lake with Planz, and that night Joe and I camped near the end of Mooseshank Lake, where a stream flowed from it.

"We're not far from the little waterfall and the string of water that drops from it down the hill near the land.

fall and the string of water that drops from it down the hill near the land-elly," said Joe. "I want to get back there early in the morning, and this is the nearest way."

But after events altered his inten-

tions.

At dawn, while we were having breakfast, Joe stood up and stared into the trees that grew thick behind us. As he called out I looked back and saw the indistinct figure of a man in their shadow watching us. He beckened and we approached him. I saw he was young, with a pale face and rather shabby town-made clothes. "Don't you remember Walter Cal-"Don't you remember Walter Calvey, November?" he said, holding out his hand. "I was with you and Mr. I'lanx, and—and—her last year in the



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You see, I'm pretty sure that Mise Virginny has kidnapped herself, or at any rate consented to be kidnapped!"

He waited for this Joe interrupted me.
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must have been him did the speaking —at Black Lake.

"When I knocked up Planx's revolver I was wonderful sorry to have to do it, but a protuise is a promise, and he'd passed his word for a safe-conduct. After, when my eyes fell upon the trail left by Harper's particular, it is not in the trail showed me I'd been "That trail showed me I'd been wrong in my notions of the business, wrong from beginning to end."

"Wrong? Why, as you said yourself, it fits in all along."

"I'd on the same and the same as trail?" inquired Joe.

"It seesned an ordinary trail, with not been they got out on the reach by the waterfail." In reach that the weight was in the middle of the lake and I'd you not recognize me to see the meaning of this peculiarity, but I shook my head.

"It meant that the foot inside the morecasin was a very little one, a good bit shorter than the morecasin."

"Yes," "I meant that the foot inside the more alimity." The was not why, she had the years man as a left. "You mean that he the smockasin."

"Yes," "aid Joe. "The second person at Black Lake wasn't a man at all, but just Mise Virginny herself!"

"Yeal, I.? that was no, why, she had the years man her hands then—she had only to appeal to us—to speak."

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"If you mean that he knows anything about it, you're absolutely wrong!" exclaimed Virginia, passion-tally. "If he knew, do you think he'd ever take the money? It's going to be sent to him without any name or clue as to where it comes from. Walter is as straight a man as yourself, she added, proudly. "You know him, and yet you suspected him."

"If didn't say I did. I was asking for information," said Joe, submis-

found the golden hair. So far, you see, he is so clever he would pay all see, everything fitted in together as my bills, no matter how heavy, but good as the jaws of a trap, and the lie never let me have more than \$5 in never let me have more than \$5 in never let me have more than \$5 in same and the sam

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"Cecil Atterson, I've got you!"
Atterson sprang like a man
wire, his face went dead white
stood quite still for a moment
dased, then he said in a stra "Hand over that packet you're carrying," answered Hobson.
There was another pause.
"By the way, I'd like to hear actly what I'm charged with,"

Atterson.
"Like to hear!" said Hobson. know! Theft of one hundred thousand dollars from the Grand Banks. May as well hand them over and put me to no more trouble!"
"You can take all the trouble over

"You can take all the trouble like," said the prisoner.
Hobern plunged his hand into terson's pockets and scarched him thoroughly, but found nothing.
"They are not on him," he cutodie "Try his pack."
From the pack November produced a square bottle of whiskey, bread, sait, a slab of mutton.